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FREE TRADE ZONES H
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given special attention to the setting up of free trade zones in the country;

(b) if so, the areas which have so far been covered under the programme;

(c) the total number of zones set up in Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government are formulating any scheme for increasing the number of free trade zones in Maharashtra and in other States; and

(e) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) : As per the Export and Import Policy `Free Trade Zones` (FTZs) andExport Processing Zones` (EPZs) are synonymous terms. As on 31.3.2000, the Government has set up seven Export Processing Zones in the country at Kandla, (Gujarat), Santacruz, Mumbai

(Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta,

(West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andra Pradesh).

(d) & (e) : In the Export and Import Policy (1997-2002) incorporating amendments madeupto 31.3.2000, the Government has announced a policy for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country.There is no proposal to set up any new EPZ/SEZ by the Central Government. However, EPZs/SEZs may be set up in theprivate, joint sector or by the State Governments. Existing EPZs can also be converted into SEZ. Approval has been given for setting up of SEZs as per details given below ;-

SEZs

Name of the State Government /Joint/Private sector.	Location of SEZ
Government of Maharashtra	Dronagiri (Maharashtra)
Government of Orissa	Paradeep (Orissa)
Government of West Bengal	Kulpi (West Bengal)
Government of Uttar Pradesh	Bhadohi (U.P)
Government of Andhra Pradesh	Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh)
Government of Tamil Nadu	Nanguneri (Tamil Nadu)
Gujrat Positra Port Infrastructure Ltd.	Positra (Gujarat)

The EPZs at Santa Cruz, Kandla and Cochin have been converted into Special Economic Zoneswith effect from 1.11.2000. A private sector EPZ AT Surat has also been converted into an SEZ w.e.f. 1.11.2000.